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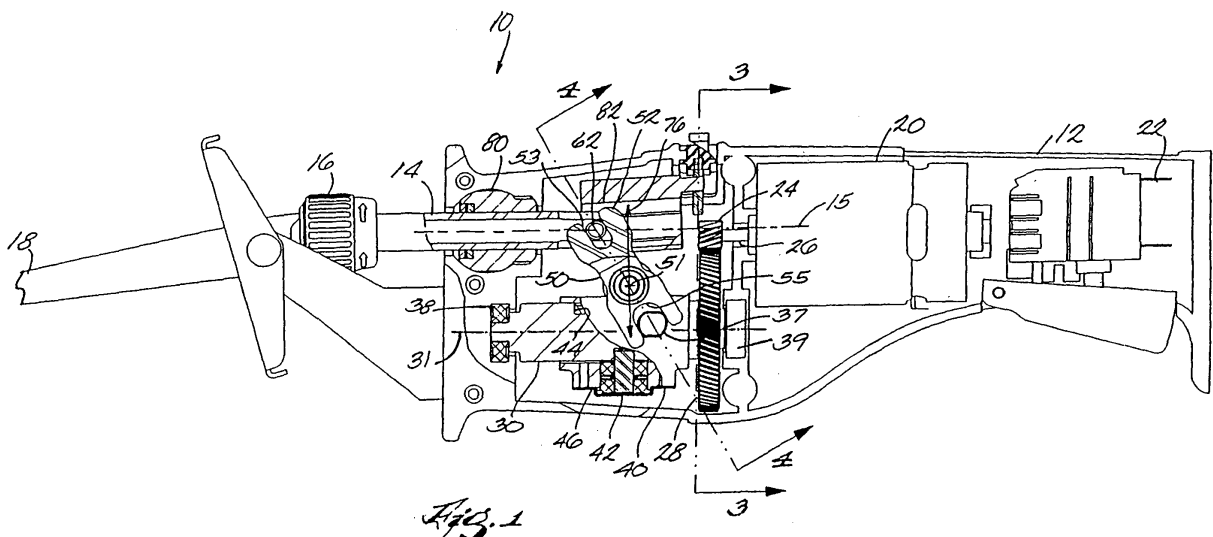
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(54) **Reciprocating saw**

(57) A reciprocating saw including a housing, a motor supported by the housing, a spindle mounted for reciprocation relative to the housing and having a front end for supporting a saw blade (18), the spindle being movable through a cutting stroke and a return stroke, the cutting stroke having a stroke length, and a pivot body

(50) interconnecting the spindle (14) and the motor. The position of the pivot axis (51) of the pivot body (50) may be movable relative to the housing to change the stroke length of the spindle. A shock absorber may be operatively positioned between the motor and the front end of the spindle and may be at least partially mounted within the spindle.



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The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION

The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

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- ☐ All further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for all claims.
- ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, the Search Division did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ None of the further search fees have been paid within the fixed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for those parts of the European patent application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims, namely claims:



The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. claims: 1-13

A reciprocating saw wherein the stroke length can be varied.

2. claims: 14-24

A reciprocating saw wherein the stroke length can be varied, comprising a rotary member and a drive arm.

The application lacks unity within the meaning of Article 82 and Rule 30 EPC for the following reasons:

The common technical features linking the independent claims 1 and 14 are:

A reciprocating saw comprising a housing, a motor, a spindle and a pivot body being pivotable relative to the housing about a pivot pin defining a pivot axis, wherein the pivot pin is movable relative to the housing to vary the stroke length of the spindle.

These technical features are however already known in the art (see citations in the search report). Hence there are no same or corresponding special technical features that link the above mentioned claims.

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